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PATENT APPLICATION

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In Re the Application of:

ADAMS ET AL.

Serial No.: 10/773,045

Filed: 2/5/04

Confirmation No.: 7401

Atty. File No.: 41992-00680

For: "STIR-FRICTION HOT WORKING
CONTROL SYSTEM"

) Group Art Unit: 1616

) Examiner: Unknown

) PETITION REGARDING OMITTED
) DRAWING IN PATENT APPLICATION
) PAPERS/AMENDMENT

<p style="text-align: center;">CERTIFICATE OF MAILING</p> <p>I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AS FIRST CLASS MAIL IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, PO BOX 1450, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450 ON <u>5/25/04</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">MARSH FISCHMANN & BREYFOGLE, LLP</p> <p>BY: <u><i>Ruth E. Ostgulen</i></u></p>
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Applicant submits this Petition/Amendment to address the comments provided by the Patent Office in a communication having a mailing date of May 6, 2004. A check in the amount of \$130 is enclosed to cover the required petition fee due for responding to the May 6, 2004 communication. Please charge any other fees that may be due for responding to the May 6, 2004 communication to Deposit Account No. 50-1419.

Please amend the above-identified patent application in the manner set forth herein and in accordance with the amendment of 37 C.F.R. §1.121 that went into effect on July 30, 2003:

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Please amend the sheet 3 of the drawings to add a "Fig. 5a" legend thereto, as indicated on the enclosed copy thereof (Appendix A) that is labeled "Annotated Marked-up Drawings." Also enclosed (Appendix B) is a replacement sheet that reflects this amendment and that is labeled "Replacement Sheet."

REMARKS

The May 6, 2004 communication, (copy enclosed as Appendix C) takes the position that Figure 5a was missing from the patent application that was filed with the Patent Office. Figure 5a was included on sheet 3 of the drawings that were included with the patent application at the time of its filing, although the "Figure 5a" legend was inadvertently omitted. The above-noted amendment adds the "Fig. 5a" legend to sheet 3 of the drawings.

The undersigned offers the following statement of facts in support of this Petition that apparently is required to respond to the May 6, 2004 communication:

1. The above-captioned patent application was filed on February 5, 2004.
2. The Utility Patent Application Transmittal (copy enclosed as Appendix D) for the above-captioned patent application indicates that 6 sheets of drawings were included with the filing.
3. The May 6, 2004 Filing Receipt (copy enclosed as Appendix E) for the above-captioned patent application indicates that 6 sheets of drawings were received by the Patent Office.
4. Sheet 3 of the drawings (copy enclosed as Appendix F) filed with the above-captioned patent application included the subject matter of Figure 5a, but not the "Figure 5a" legend.
5. The "Fig. 5a" legend is included on sheet 3 of the drawings (copy enclosed as Appendix G) of the ultimate parent application, namely U. S. Patent No. 6,421,578, in the same manner as the above-noted proposed amendment of sheet 3 of the drawings (copy enclosed as Appendix A) for the above-captioned patent application.
6. Based upon the foregoing, Figure 5a was in fact included with the filing of the above-captioned patent application. Only the legend for Figure 5a was omitted. Therefore, Figure

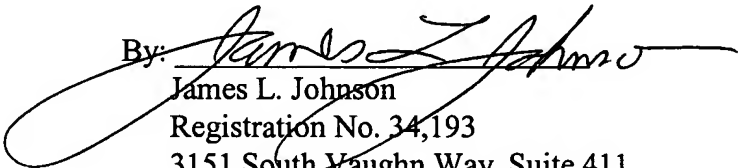
5a is entitled to the filing date of the above-captioned patent application, and the enclosed petition fee of \$130.00 should be refunded to Applicant.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

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Appendix A



Fig. 5a

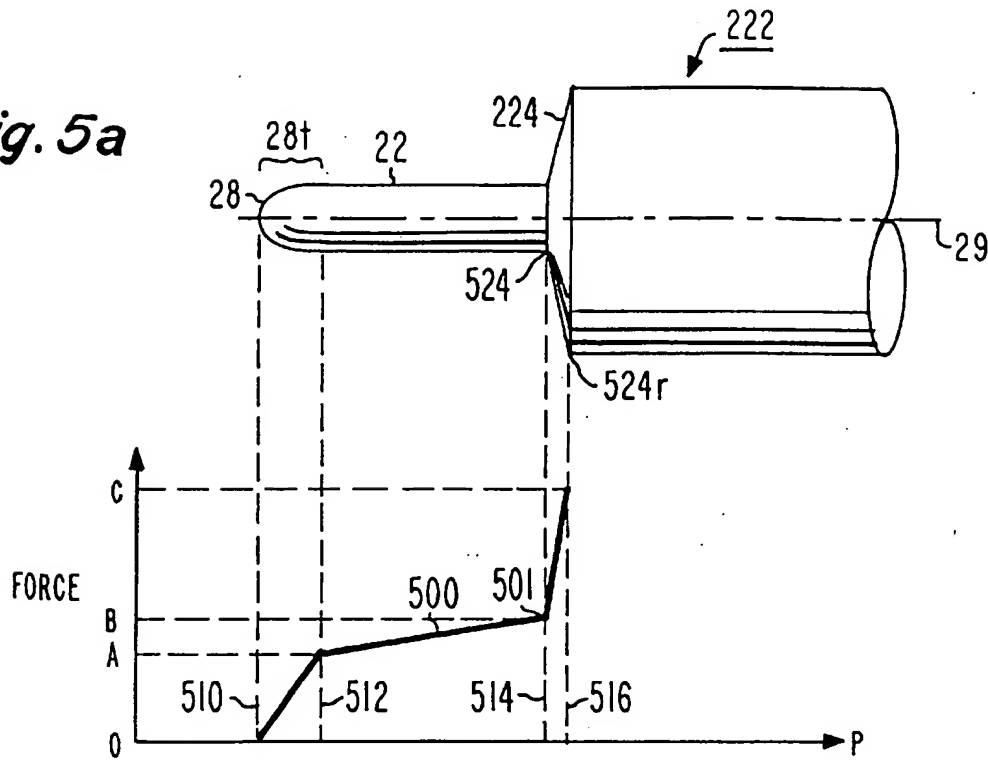


Fig. 5b

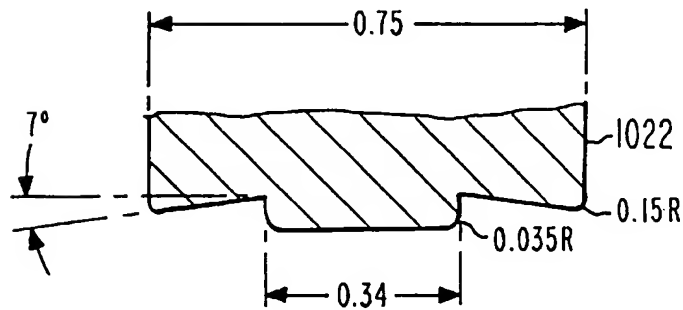


Fig. 10

Appendix B



Fig. 5a

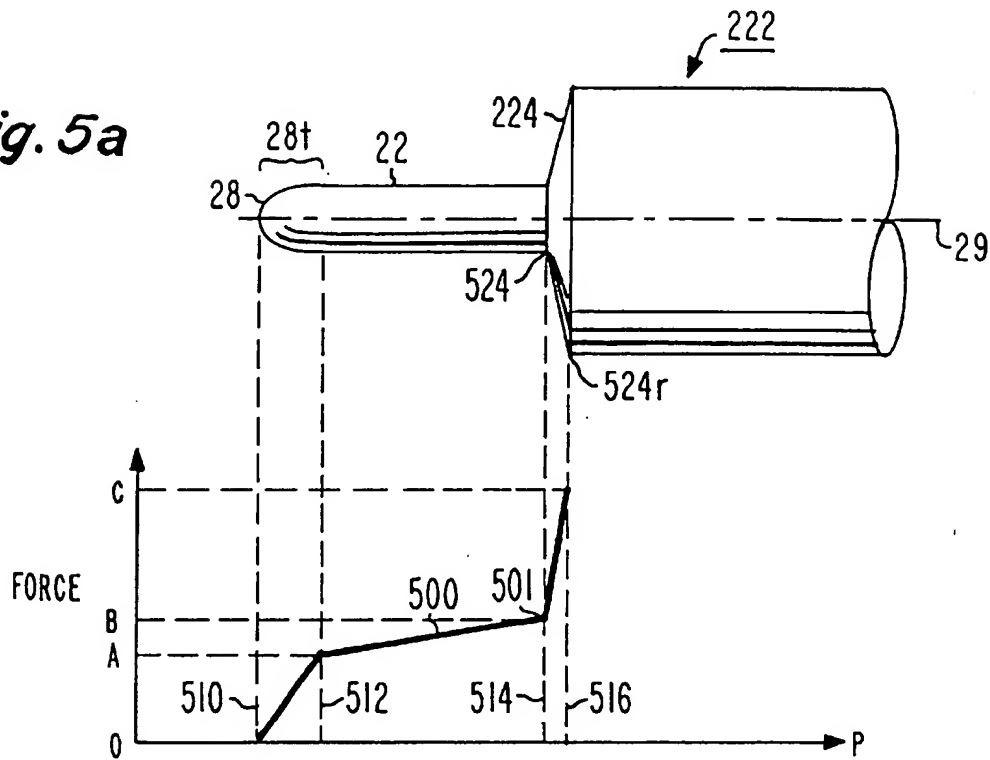


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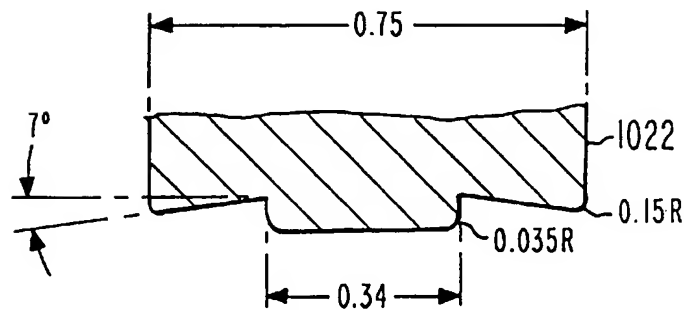


Fig. 10

Appendix C



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NOTICE OF OMITTED ITEM(S) IN A NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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A filing date has been accorded to the above-identified nonprovisional application papers; however, the following item(s) appear to have been omitted from the application:

- Figure(s) 5a described in the specification.

I. Should applicant contend that the above-noted omitted item(s) was in fact deposited in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) with the nonprovisional application papers, a copy of this Notice and a petition (and \$130.00 petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(h))) with evidence of such deposit must be filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the date of this Notice. The petition fee will be refunded if it is determined that the item(s) was received by the USPTO.

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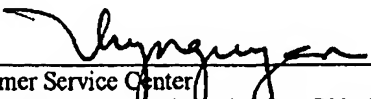
III. The failure to file a petition (and petition fee) under the above options (I) or (II) within **TWO MONTHS** of the date of this Notice (37 CFR 1.181(f)) will be treated as a constructive acceptance by the applicant of the application as deposited in the USPTO. **THIS TWO MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) or (b).** In the absence of a timely filed petition in reply to this Notice, the application will maintain a filing date as of the date of deposit of the application papers in the USPTO, and original application papers (i.e., the original disclosure of the invention) will include only those application papers present in the USPTO on the date of deposit.

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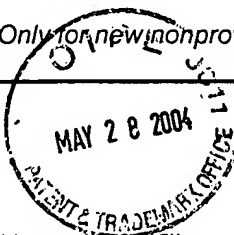
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Transmitted herewith for filing under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) and 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) is a new utility patent application for an invention entitled:

STIR-FRICTION HOT WORKING CONTROL SYSTEM

and invented by:

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 - i. ☒ Claim(s) as Classified Below
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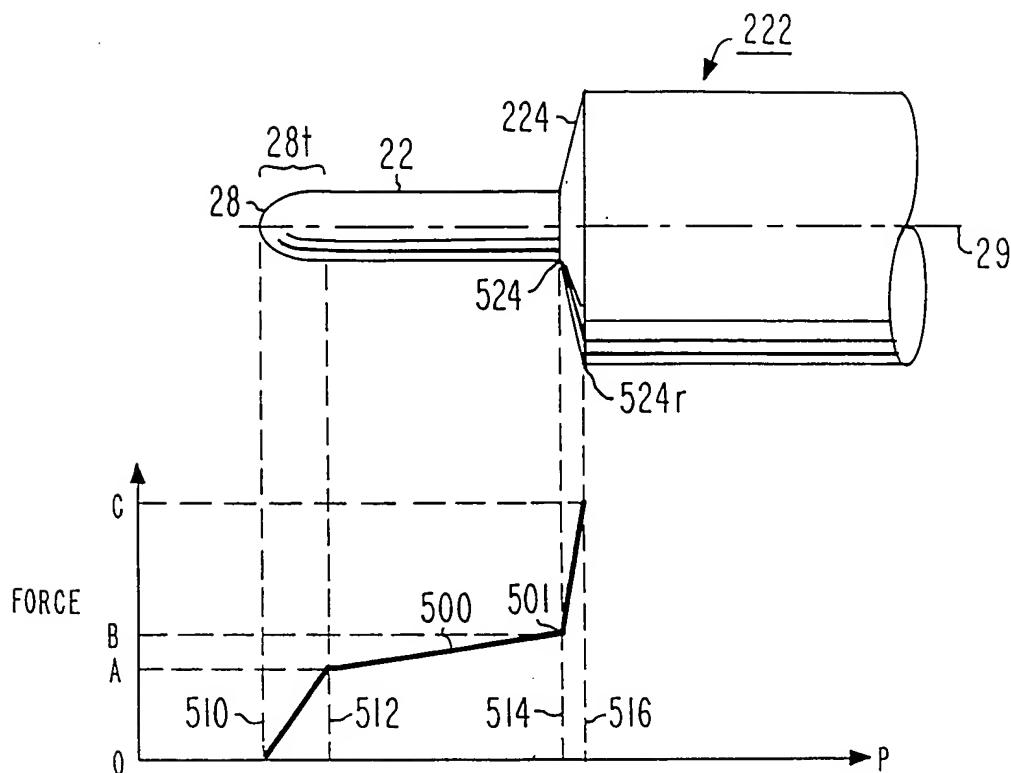


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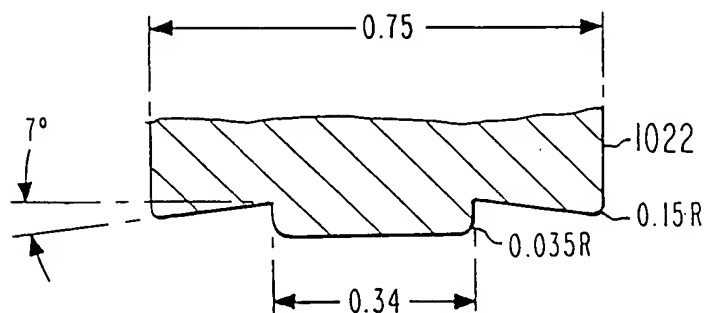


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Fig. 5a

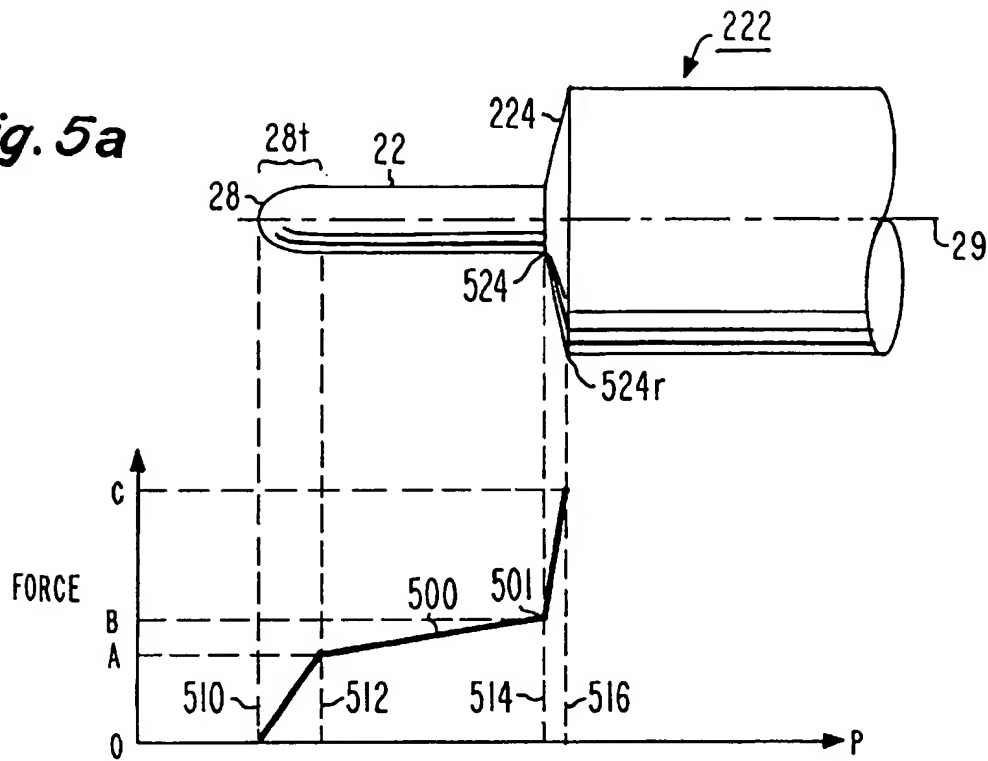


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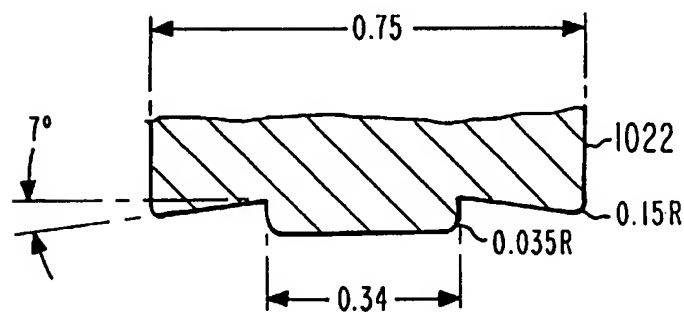


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